

I would recommend the book mainly for dental students and postgraduates. In addition the text provides a valuable insight into the topic for GDPs wanting to update their materials knowledge!

In my opinion I felt that the book was too in-depth for DCPs in general practice, unless they are studying for post-qualifications. It's not a book that you would want to read from cover to cover due to the amount of information included, but it could be used for general reference.

However, the chapter on orthodontic materials would have been of benefit to me when I was studying for the Diploma in Orthodontic Therapy last year!

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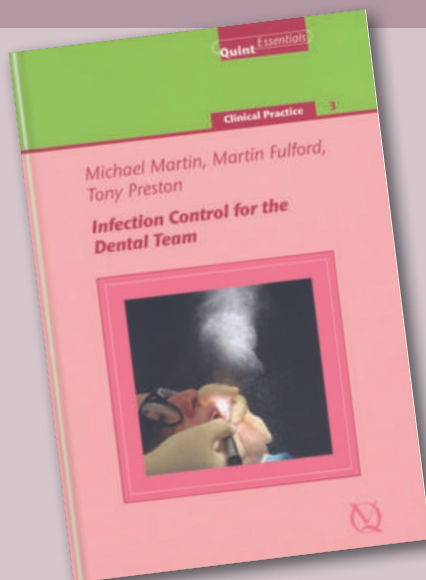
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TITLE: Infection control for the dental team
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This book is part of the 'Quintessentials' range and provides a comprehensive overview of the 'why and how' of infection control in a well illustrated and concise format. It can easily be read within a few hours. It is suited to all members of the dental team wishing to ensure they have a sufficiently up-to-date understanding of the subject of infection control to enable the implementation of the key points of infection control within their practice.

Exploring the risks of cross infection in the dental environment and identifying infection risks, the first two chapters give

the reader an insight into the need for good infection control procedures while highlighting the importance of good standard precautions for all patients. From this, the book then discusses surgery design and its impact on infection control. It gives various examples of acceptable surgery and decontamination layouts, covering most practice set-ups. The following chapter on instrument decontamination provides an in-depth understanding of the fundamental principles of effective decontamination and highlights appropriate limitations of some procedures which may be used in general practice. The chapter on disinfection is a comprehensive account of types of disinfectants used in dentistry, their clinical applications and clear guidelines for their use. Finally a chapter on legal and ethical issues completes the integration of modern infection control in general practice. The appendices include model examples of policies, protocols and checklists as well as an outline of an appropriate training syllabus. This gives the dental team an ideal resource to create individual policies for their practice, ensuring practice procedures and staff inductions are compliant with current standards.

The whole dental team has a duty of care to ensure infection control is followed as a routine and that all new staff members are appropriately trained. The style of this book will allow it to be quickly and easily read by all members of the team and provides a good introduction to a key area of practice for new members of the dental team.

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Name: Ruth Singleton-Evans
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How did you get your job? I was on placement as a student and offered a permanent position on graduation!

How did you end up working in dentistry? My sister-in-law was a dental nurse and got me interested. I started work at the age of 16 as a dental nurse in a local

practice. From there I worked in the PCT and local maxillofacial department until I applied for the Combined Diploma for Dental Hygiene and Therapy and was one of the first students to gain a place on the very first cohort of the outreach course run through Liverpool University Dental School
What do you enjoy most about your job? Meeting new people and helping patients overcome their phobia of coming to the dentist.

What is the most challenging part of your job? I work in a busy NHS practice so we see some very neglected mouths due to lack of knowledge, fear and lack of NHS provision. This can be a challenge, gaining patients' trust and being sympathetic and empathetic.

Would you recommend a career in dentistry? Absolutely, if you want a career that is challenging, different every day and keeps you up-to-date with current research.

If you weren't working in dentistry, what would you be doing? A backing dancer for Kylie!